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In re Application of:

HULSE et al.

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For: OBSTETRICAL VACUUM EXTRACTOR
CUP WITH SOFT MOLDED LIP

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 1998, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the SPECIFICATION:

On page 8, line 20, after "cup 12." insert / The lip 40 preferably extends on the order of .20 to .40 inch beyond the edge 44 of the cup 12. ✓

In the CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21 and 22 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) An obstetrical vacuum extractor for placement on a child's head for use during childbirth, the obstetrical vacuum extractor comprising, in combination,

a vacuum cup formed of a first material, the vacuum cup having a side wall defining a hollow interior cavity, the side wall having a side wall edge forming a cup opening, the side wall having at least one side wall opening extending therethrough, said side wall opening being disposed substantially adjacent the side wall edge, the vacuum cup further including a vacuum opening communicating with the interior cavity of the vacuum cup and being adapted for connection to a vacuum source;